Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

A vendor system acquires information ~~on a user system~~ from the user system. ~~The information on the user system includes information on~~ regarding hardware ~~employed~~ used in the user system and ~~information on~~ software installed in the user system. ~~Then, the~~ The vendor system constructs a test environment based on ~~the basis of~~ the information ~~on the user system~~. Subsequently, the vendor system examines operations of the user system updated by a software-updating patch in the test environment to determine whether ~~or not~~ the user system operates normally in the test environment. If normal operations are verified, the vendor system transmits the software-updating patch to the user system. The user system applies the software-updating patch to the software installed in the user system to update the user system. ~~In the configuration described above~~As a result, the user system can be easily updated ~~with ease by adoption of a method to update~~ by updating the software installed in the user computer through a network. In addition, after the software ~~installed in the user computer~~ is updated, ~~it is possible to assure the~~ high reliability and high service level of the user system can be achieved.

Attachment: Replacement Abstract